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SUBJECT: ICAO: FIFTH PLENARY SESSION AFRICAN CIVIL AVIATION
COMMISSION (AFCAC)

REF: STATE 120388

1. INSTRUCTIONS CITED REFTEL RECEIVED LOME MORNING MAY 27,
HENCE DELAY IN RESPONSE BY US OBSERVER DWOR.

2. AFCAC FIFTH PLENARY SESSION CONVENED LOME MORNING MAY 24
WITH ATTENDANCE BY CAMEROON, CAPE VERDE, CONGO, COTE D'IVOIRE,
EGYPT, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, ETHIOPIA, GABON, GHANA, KENYA,
LESOTHO, LIBERIA, MADAGASCAR, MALI, MOROCCO, MAURITANIA,
NIGER, NIGERIA, SENEGAL, SIERRA LEONE, TANZANIA, TOGO,
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TUNISIA, UGANDA, AND ZAIRE. OBSERVER STATES INCLUDED CANADA,
U.S., FRANCE, TURKEY, AND SPAIN AND OBSERVER ORGANIZATIONS: IATA
(KNUT HAMMARSKJOLD, S. NDIAYE), ECAC (H. RABEN, M. DOZ), IACA
(F.A. PFIFFNER), EEC, AFRAA, UNDP, ECAS, ITA (GEO BESSE, C.
PAYEN), ICAA, ASECNA, AND CACAS.

3. FOLLOWING IS SITUATION REPORT AS OF MAY 29:

A. AGENDA ITEM 14 - CONSIDERATION OF DRAFT AFCA/ICAO
COOPERATION AGREEMENT:

APPROVED BY AFCAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. FORMALIZES PRESENT AFCAC/
ICAO WORKING ARRANGEMENTS, COORDINATION, SECRETARIAT SERVICES,
AND FINANCIAL MATTERS. (AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE SUBMITTED TO ICAO
COUNCIL FOR RATIFICATION.)

B. AGENDA ITEM 15 - USE OF ARABIC LANGUAGE IN AFCAC MEETINGS:

POSTPONED BY AFCAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UNTIL 1979 PLENARY
SESSION. POSTPONEMENT DUE FINANCIAL BURDEN (ADDITIONAL EXPEND-
ITURES OF \$42,180 IN 1978 AND \$86,246 IN 1979 PLUS \$50,000 FOR
USE OF ARABIC IN 1979 PLENARY SESSION).

C. AGENDA ITEM 16 - CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSAL BY CIVIL AVIATION
COUNCIL OF ARAB STATES (CACAS) FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN AFCAC
AND CACAS:

ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE BY AFCAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE BUT SUBJECT
TO MAIL APPROVAL BY EACH MEMBER STATE. IMPLEMENTATION OF PRO-
POSAL ESTIMATED AT SUMMER 1978.

D. AGENDA ITEM 18 - CONSIDERATION OF A DRAFT AMENDMENT TO RULE
8 OF RULES OF PROCEDURE OF ICAO COUNCIL:

APPROVAL BY AFCAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF DRAFT WORKING PAPER
COVERING REQUEST TO COUNCIL BY ASSEMBLY TO AMEND RULE 8 ANTI-
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CIPATED MAY 30 OR 31.

3. AGENDA ITEM 10 - CONSIDERATION OF PROBLEMS CAUSED BY
AIRCRAFT NOISE LIMITATIONS:

AFCAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO CONSIDER AND REJECT
ANY MOVES TO BRING SUBSONIC JET TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT OF MEMBER
STATES' AIRLINES INTO "MANDATORY COMPLIANCE WITH ANNEX 16 AT
EARLIEST PRACTICABLE DATE AND NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1985".

4. NEW OFFICERS:

NEWLY ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE OF AFCAC IS A.
DAOUDI OF MOROCCO. TO DATE DAOUDI HAS DISPLAYED CONSIDERABLE
ABILITY AND TACT IN HIS NEW POSITION. SINCE AFCAC PRESIDENT
DWEMOH (GHANA) DOES NOT STAND FOR REELECTION, MOST OBSERVERS
BELIEVE NEW PRESIDENT (TO BE ELECTED EARLY THIS WEEK) WILL BE
M. MIAGA OF MALI.

NOTE: DWEMOH FULLY ANTICIPATES GHANA'S ELECTION TO ICAO COUNCIL;
AND DWEMOH'S APPOINTMENT AS GHANAIAAN COUNCIL MEMBER.

5. US OBSERVER HAS, TO DATE, DISCERNED NO EFFORTS WITHIN AFCAC
TO CREATE A REGIONAL TECHNICAL PLANNING GROUP NOR ANY MOVES TO
CREATE AN AIR TRANSPORT COMMISSION TO SUPPLEMENT OR REPLACE
AIR TRANSPORT COMMITTEE.

6. DURING ICAO COUNCIL PRESIDENT KOTAITE'S STAY LOME (DEPARTED
MAY 27), HE APPARENTLY DID NOT USE AFCAC IN ATTEMPT TO SOLVE
HIGHLY SENSITIVE SAL/DAKAR FIR ISSUE, NOR DID HE RAISE MATTER
WITH U.S. OBSERVER.

7. US OBSERVER PERSONALLY CONVEYED U.S. COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE
DILLON'S BEST REGARDS TO AFCAC PRESIDENT DWEMOH, WHICH DWEMOH
RESPONDED TO WARMLY AND GRACIOUSLY.

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8. DISTURBING NOTES AT AFCAC FIFTH PLENARY WERE:

A. PRESIDENT DWEMOH'S COMMENTS AT OPENING SESSION REGARDING
MEMBER STATES NOT ANSWERING CORRESPONDENCE FROM AFCAC SECRETARIAT
(85 PERCENT QUESTIONNAIRES UNANSWERED);

B. MEMBER STATES FAILURE TO REMIT DUES TO SECRETARIAT;

C. AFCAC INDEBTEDNESS TO ICAO OF \$450,646 AS OF END OF CURRENT
FINANCIAL YEAR.

9. FURTHER REPORT AFCAC FIFTH PLENARY SESSION FOLLOWS NEXT
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